GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PALACE ON WHEEL TRAIN
Pallani Shamy Shri K.C .

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The profit earned by 'Palace on Wheel' train during each of the last three years;

(b) Whether there is any demand for running similar type of trains on other sections;

(c) If so, the details of demands/requests received in this regard and the action taken thereon; and

(d) The time by which these are likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) : The profitability of the coaching services of the Indian Railways' trains is not worked out. However, the revenue earned by the Railways from running of the Palace on Wheels during the last three years are as below:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Year	Revenue earned
2003-04	1103.38
2004-05	1423.10
2005-06	1571.76

(b) to (d): Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for running a luxury tourist train in the Karnataka Sector. A Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) has been entered into between the Railways and the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) in this regard. The design layout of the coaches for this train has been finalized. No timeframe has been set for introduction of this train.